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Examiner: D. Nguyen

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Title: SYSTEM FOR PROTECTING A PERSON
FROM THE EFFECTS OF ESD

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 06/06/2003, please amend the above
identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please refer to the attached copy of the claims as they presently are presented in
this application and as they are being amended for this response.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 06/06/2003, together with the references included
therein, has been carefully reviewed. The interview held on 13 June 2003 is
acknowledged, and attention is directed to the Interview Summary Form prepared by the
Examiner.

I. Introduction and Background

As discussed at the interview, the system and method embodying applicant's
claimed invention is intended for use in an environment in which workers repeatedly
contact elements, such as mousepads or other computer accessories, while working and in

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